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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Schrempp, Apa, Barker, Cerny, Chicoine, Davis, Fischer-Clemens, Gleason, Haley, Kazmerzak, Koetzle, Lee, Lockner, Lucas, Madden, Moore, Schaunaman, Sperry, Volesky, Waltman, and Weber and Senators Lange, Hunhoff, and Kloucek

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the federal government to require that imported
2 meat be labeled to disclose its country of origin.

3 WHEREAS, international competition in the area of livestock production and the production
4 of meat is intensifying, with increasing quantities of meat entering the United States for public
5 consumption in competition with domestic livestock producers; and

6 WHEREAS, the cattle industry in the United States has come under severe stress in recent
7 times, threatening the livelihood of many American cattle producers; and

8 WHEREAS, meat, unlike most other imported consumer products, is not labeled to disclose
9 its country of origin, leaving U. S. consumers unable to distinguish between meat that was
10 produced in the United States and meat that was produced abroad; and

11 WHEREAS, the enforcement of meat labeling requirements by the individual states has
12 proven to be a difficult task; and

13 WHEREAS, it is very likely that American consumers, if given the choice, would prefer to
14 purchase American-made meat for themselves and their families:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
2 second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
3 Congress be urged to enact requirements for the labeling of imported meat that is offered for sale
4 to U.S. retail consumers, food service providers, and meat processors.